



Legislative Bulletin.....July 22, 2011

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Amendments to H.R. 2551 – Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2012

Order of Business: H.R. 2551 is scheduled to be considered later this week under a structured rule. Traditionally, even when the GOP last controlled the House, Legislative Branch spending was considered under structured rules. The rule ([H.Res. 359](#)) provides for one hour of debate and waives all points of order against consideration of the bill and provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI. The rule provides for one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Each of the amendments made in order by the Rules Committee shall be debatable for 10 minutes.

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**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT MADE IN ORDER BY THE RULES COMMITTEE ON
JULY 20, 2011**

1. **Bishop (D-GA) #16.** This amendment reduces the amount available for the House of Representatives Salaries and Expenses (currently set at \$1,226,680,000) by \$1,000,000. It reduces the amount available for Allowances and Expenses (currently set at \$293,386,942) by \$1,000,000. It increases amounts available to Capitol Police salaries (currently set at \$277,132,624) by \$1,000,000. The amendment text can be [viewed here](#).
2. **Watt (D-NC). #17.** This amendment reduces the amount available for the House of Representatives Salaries and Expenses (currently set at \$1,226,680,000) by \$619,200. It reduces the amount available for Allowances and Expenses (currently set at \$293,386,942) by \$619,200. It also reduces funding for the Office of Congressional Ethics (currently set at \$1,548,000) by \$619,200. The amendment text can be [viewed here](#).
3. **Broun (R-GA) #7.** This amendment would reduce funding to the Joint Economic Committee (currently set at \$4,203,000) by \$1,050,750, and would place that

- amount in the Spending Reduction Account. The amendment text can be [viewed here](#).
4. **Broun (R-GA) #9.** This amendment would reduce funding for the Salaries and Expenses at the Office of Compliance (currently set at \$3,817,000) by \$467,000, and would place that amount in the Spending Reduction Account. The amendment text can be [viewed here](#).
 5. **Hayworth (R-NY) & Gosar (R-AZ) #15.** This amendment would reduce funding for the Botanic Garden (currently set at \$12,000,000) by \$632,780, and would place that amount in the Spending Reduction Account. The amendment text can be [viewed here](#).
 6. **Broun (R-GA) #15.** This amendment would reduce funding for the Botanic Garden (currently set at \$12,000,000) by \$3,192,000, and would place that amount in the Spending Reduction Account. The amendment text can be [viewed here](#).
 7. **Altmire (D-PA) #6.** This amendment would increase funding for the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board (currently set at \$412,446,000) by \$1,000,000 and would then reduce that funding by \$1,000,000. The amendment text can be [viewed here](#).
 8. **Stutzman (R-IN) #21.** This amendment would reduce funding for the Government Printing Office, Congressional Printing and Binding (currently set at \$78,000,000) by \$3,414,150.29. This amendment would also reduce funding for the Office of Superintendent of Documents, Salaries and Expenses (currently set at \$35,000,000) by \$1,531,990.51. This amendment would place a total of \$4,946,140.80 in the Spending Reduction Account. The amendment text can be [viewed here](#).
 9. **Moran (D-VA) & Welch (D-VT).** This amendment would prohibit funding in the legislation to be used to obtain polystyrene containers for use in food service facilities of the House of Representatives. The amendment text can be [viewed here](#).
 10. **Flake (R-AZ) #29.** This amendment would prohibit funding in Members' representational allowances, or for official mail for committees and leadership offices, to be used for any mailing that does not bear the official letterhead of the Member, committee, or office involved, other than a publication or document produced by another office of the government or by an office of a state or local government that is included with such a mailing. The amendment text can be [viewed here](#).
 11. **Flake (R-AZ) #32** This amendment would prohibit funding in Members' representational allowances, or the expenses of committees and leadership offices,

to be used to purchase advertisements that hyperlink to any website maintained by funds provided under a Members' representational allowance, funds provided for salaries and expenses of committees of the House, or funds provided for salaries and expenses of leadership offices of the House. The amendment text can be [viewed here](#).

12. **Holt (D-NJ) #27.** This amendment would appropriate \$2,500,000 for salaries and expenses to the Office of Technology Assessment. According to the amendment text, these amounts are to be derived from the House Historic Buildings Revitalization Trust Fund. The amendment text can be [viewed here](#).
13. **Paulsen (R-MN) & Miller (R-MI) #1.** This amendment would prohibit funding in the legislation from being used to deliver a printed copy of a bill, joint resolution, or resolution to the office of a Member of the House (including a Delegate or a Resident Commissioner) unless the Member requests a copy. The amendment text can be [viewed here](#).
14. **Paulsen (R-MN) & Miller (R-MI) #2.** This amendment would prohibit funding in the legislation from being used to deliver a printed copy of any version of the Congressional Record to the office of a Member of the House (including a Delegate or a Resident Commissioner). The amendment text can be [viewed here](#).
15. **Thompson (R-PA) #22.** This amendment would prohibit funding in the legislation from being used to purchase, acquire, install, or use any medium screw base compact fluorescent lamp (CFL) or light bulb. The amendment text can be [viewed here](#). CFL's are known to contain mercury, a known neurotoxin. According to the sponsor of this amendment: "CFL's are not made in the United States", and "there are viable, cost-effective, American-made alternatives to the dangerous mercury filled CFL bulbs that are now prevalent in the Capitol complex." This amendment would not ban the purchase of CFL's across the United States, nor would it limit consumer choice.
16. **Hanna (R-NY) #4.** This amendment would prohibit funding in the legislation from being used by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House to make any payments from any Members' Representational Allowance for the leasing of a vehicle in an aggregate amount that exceeds \$1,000 for the vehicle in any month. The amendment text can be [viewed here](#).